

REMARKS

Claim 1 is presently pending in the application. The claim is amended as shown above to recite the preparation of a zinc finger protein.

Inventorship and Priority

A request to correct inventorship to join Edward Rebar and Andrew Jamieson, a Statement from Persons to be Added as Inventors and a Consent of Assignee to Correct Inventorship, as well as a substitute declaration listing the correct priority claim to USSN 09/535,088, were mailed to the Office on February 17, 2004. Applicants request confirmation that the inventorship and priority claim have been corrected.

Information Disclosure Statements

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the signed and initialed 1449 forms, indicating that the references listed in the IDS submitted March 4, 2003 and the IDS submitted February 17, 2004 have been considered by the Office.

Interview Summary

On July 12, the undersigned contacted Examiner Whisenant by telephone to discuss claim language that would overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Agreement was reached that the amendment to the claim presented herein would overcome the sole remaining rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claim 1 was rejected under this section for failing to provide a nexus between the preamble and the claim steps. In response, and further to the Interview mentioned above, claim 1 is amended to recite the preparation of a zinc finger protein. Accordingly, the rejection can be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

The sole remaining rejection (under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph) has been overcome by the amendment set forth herein. Accordingly, notification of allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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